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U.S. Patent No. 6,423,787, corresponding to documents AF and AG, was already cited in the Office Action of this application.

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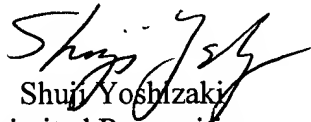
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